

**MINUTES  
CITY OF BREMEN, GEORGIA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
September 19, 2011**

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex, 516 Tallapoosa Street

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell  
Council Member Jane Wilson  
Council Member Bill Hightower  
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

Officials Absent: W.O. (Sonny) Parrish

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**6:00 P.M.  
Work Session  
Mayor & Council Members  
Department Heads**

**City Council Informal Session**

*Informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and City Attorney. No action taken during work session. The discussed items are listed below.*

- \$ Agenda Items
- \$ Department Head Updates
- \$ Florida/Fern Project

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:45 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

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**7:00 P.M.  
City Council Meeting  
Mayor & Council Members**

**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Session**

- Agenda:*
1. *Call to Order*
  2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
  3. *Invocation*
  4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
  5. *Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2011 Regular Meeting*
  6. *Eric Robinson – Hwy 27 Association (Tourism)*
  7. *Pravin Amin with Hampton Inn – Penalty Waiver Request for 2010 Property Tax*
  8. *Open to the Public*
  9. *Adjourn*

**Call to Order**

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

**Agenda Changes**

Mayor Sewell stated that we need to omit item #6 from the agenda because Eric Robinson cancelled stating that he is not prepared to give the Tourism update at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 15, 2011.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2011. Motion carried.

### **Amin Pravin with Hampton Inn – Penalty Waiver Request**

Mr. Pravin with Hampton Inn stated that he had set up a payment plan with the City Manager because he was unable to pay the 2010 property taxes in full. He stated that his business has been very slow and money is short but he did pay the taxes in full along with the interest, fifa, collection cost and advertising charges. He said he still has a penalty balance of \$1,618.49 and he is requesting to have the penalty waived by the Mayor and Council. He stated that when business was good, Hampton Inn always helped the police with donations or anything they may have asked for.

Mayor Sewell thanked Mr. Pravin for everything he has done in the past for the city and the police department and told him that she has two answers to his request.

Mayor Sewell told Mr. Pravin that there had been other requests for penalty and interest to be waived and they have all been denied so it would not be fair for the city to grant him this request. She stated that the second reason for denial of the request is because we have been informed by our City Attorney that the Mayor and Council do not have the authority to waive penalties on property tax because we can not override state law.

Mr. Pravin thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

### **Open to the Public**

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had any business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

City Manager, Perry Hicks mentioned the state wide watering restrictions and stated that he has copies available if anyone would like to have one and he also asked that the newspaper reporter take one.

Mayor Sewell expressed how important it is to use water sparingly and stated that just because there are days we can water doesn't mean we have to water on those days unless we need to. She stated that there is still a water shortage and we all need to be very conservative.

There was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

### **Adjourn**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Wilson to adjourn the regular council meeting. There is no second to the motion required. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.